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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Himanshu N. BRAHMBHATT, et al. :
Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:
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For: SUICIDE EXPRESSION VECTOR FOR VACCINE STRAINS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- Claim 6, line 1, please change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 8, line 1, please change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 9, line 1, please change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 10, line 1, please change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 13, line 2, please change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 15, line 4, please change "any one of claims 1 to 12" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 17, line 5, please change "any one of claims 1 to 12" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 19, line 2, please delete " or 18".

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REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, and 19 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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